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General Information about Amazon Parrots



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The **Blue-fronted Amazon** (*Amazona aestiva*) is also known as the **Turquoise-fronted Amazon** and **Blue-fronted Parrot**. Its name derives from the distinctive blue marking over its beak.

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Distribution / Range

The Blue-fronted Amazon is one of the most common companion parrots, and a favorite pet bird in the United States. However, it is endangered in its natural habitat in North-eastern Bolivia, South-Western Mato Grosso, Brazil, Paraguay, Northern Argentina and Northernmost Buenos Aires.

A small feral breeding population has also established itself in Stuttgart, South-western Germany.



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Sub-species

Amazona aestiva aestiva (nominate)

- **Range:** Found in eastern Brazil.
- **ID:** The leading edge of the wing (also known as "shoulder") is red.

Amazona aestiva xanthopteryx

- **Range:** Found in northern and eastern Bolivia through adjacent parts of Brazil, to Paraguay and northern Argentina.
- **ID:** Generally has more yellow to the head than the nominate species and the "shoulder" is partly or wholly yellow.

Even though the subspecies *xanthopteryx* has been treated as a separate species, they interbreed freely with the nominate species where they come into contact.

Description:

Blue-fronted Amazons average 14 - 15 inches (~35 cm) in length (from head to tail tip) and weigh 9.7 to 18 oz (275 to 510 grams) - the average being 14.1 to 15.2 oz (400 to 430 grams).

A wide range of color combinations have been produced. Some birds have no blue head feathers whatsoever; others have turquoise blue on their [forehead](#) or even the whole front of the bird (face, neck and chest) is blue.

Most have yellow somewhere on their head or face; some have blue, a little white and then yellow as head markings.

There are significant individual

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variations in both facial pattern and amount of yellow/red to the "shoulder". In one extreme, individuals with essentially no yellow to the head and entirely green "shoulder" are known from north-western Argentina.

The beak is dark grey and their feet are grey.

Striking mutations have occurred in aviaries, including the cinnamon featured below:



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Breeding / Nesting

In their natural habitat, Blue-fronted Amazons nest in tree cavities. They generally produce a clutch of 3 to 5 oval, white eggs, which measure around 38 x 30 mm. The eggs are incubated by the female for 26 to 28 days and the chicks leave the nest about 60 days after hatching.

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Taxonomy:

Species: Scientific: *Amazona aestiva xanthopteryx* ... English: Blue-fronted Yellow-shouldered Amazon ... Dutch: Bahia Amazone, Geelschouderblauwvoorhoofdamazonen ... German: Gelbflügel Blaustirnamazone ... French: Amazone à front bleu à ailes jaunes

Sub-Species / Races Including Nominate: *aestiva*, *xanthopteryx*

Sub-species:

Yellow-winged Amazons:

Species: Scientific: *Amazona aestiva xanthopteryx*

Distribution: Bolivia, Paraguay, northern Argentina

Average Length: 37 cm / 14.8 in

Breeding Data: Average clutch: 3-4 eggs; Incubation days: 25

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